APPENDIX VI.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 458 asked by Sri M. Marimuthu at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 14th July 1953, page 32 supra.]

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) *Village offices governed by Act III of* 1895.—Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars in independent charges are empowered to grant leave to village menials up to three months and to appoint substitutes for that period when satisfactory arrangements cannot be made for the performance of the work by the agency of a relation or friend of the village menial taking leave and on his responsibility.

Village headmen are also empowered to grant leave to the village menial servants for a period not exceeding seven days at a time or 20 days in a year provided satisfactory arrangements are made for the performance of the work by substitutes.

Village offices governed by Act II of 1894.—Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars in independent charge may grant leave to village officers (including village menials) for periods not exceeding three months at a time and may appoint substitutes when necessary. Applications for leave exceeding three months are dealt with by Divisional Officers.

As regards the grant of short leave to village menials, the headman may on his own responsibility grant casual leave to them for a period not exceeding three days at a time.

Village offices not governed by statute and are also non-hereditary.—Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars in independent charge are empowered to grant leave without limit to village menials such as talaiaris, vettis and nirgantis.

Village headmen are also empowered to grant leave to the village menial servants for a period not exceeding seven days at a time or twenty days in a year provided satisfactory arrangements are made for the performance of the work by substitutes.